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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4609]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 23, 2004, in Room 2415 of the United States Coast Guard Headquarters Building, 2100 2nd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the 51st session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) to be held at IMO Headquarters in London, England from March 29 to April 2, 2004.

The primary matters to be considered include:

- Harmful aquatic organisms in ballast water;
- Recycling of ships;
- Prevention of air pollution from ships;
- Consideration and adoption of amendments to mandatory instruments;
- Harmful anti-fouling systems for ships;
- Implementation of the International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response and Co-operation (OPRC) Convention and the OPRC-Hazardous Noxious Substance Protocol and relevant conference resolutions;
- Identification and protection of Special Areas and Particular Sensitive Sea Areas;
- Inadequacy of reception facilities;
- Promotion of implementation and enforcement of the International Convention on the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, 1973, as modified by the Protocol of 1978 relating thereto (MARPOL 73/78) and related instruments;
- Technical co-operation program;
- Interpretation and amendments of MARPOL 73/78 and related instruments;
- Future role of formal safety assessment and human element issues; and
- Work program of the Committee and subsidiary bodies.

Please note that hard copies of documents associated MEPC 51 will not be available at this meeting. Documents will be available in Adobe Acrobat format on CD-ROM. To

requests documents please write to the address provided below, or request documents via the following Internet link: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/mso/mso4/mepec.html>.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing to Lieutenant Junior Grade Mary Stewart, Commandant (G-MSO-4), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Room 1601, Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling (202) 267-2079.

Dated: February 19, 2004.
Steven Poulin, Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee,
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4636]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Change in Meeting
Agenda

As announced in meeting notice 4609 published on March 1, 2004, the Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 23rd, 2004, in Room 2415 of the United States Coast Guard Headquarters Building, 2100 2nd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the upcoming 51st session of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC 51). Following discussion of the agenda items related to MEPC 51, the SHC will discuss the outcome of the Diplomatic Conference on Ballast Water Management for Ships by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) held at IMO Headquarters in London, England from February 9th to 13th, 2004.

Documents associated with the Diplomatic Conference will be available in Adobe Acrobat format on CD-ROM. To request documents please write to the address provided

below or by following the Internet link: <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/g-m/mso/imomepc.htm>. Interested persons may seek information by writing to Lieutenant Junior Grade Mary Stewart, Commandant (G-MSO-4), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, SW., Room 1601, Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling (202) 267-2079.

Dated: March 1, 2004.

Steven D. Poulin, Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.

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